



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

## Veterans News

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### NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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#### **Re: Helping Veterans Live Quality Lives**

#### **Dear Commanders, Presidents, and Friends of Veterans:**

Americans have proven time and time again they are the most generous people on earth. When others have been affected by disasters, war, and crisis, Americans have opened their hearts and wallets to help bring relief and peace of mind to those adversely affected. This generosity has also extended to our Nation's veterans, our heroes.

In 2005, Governor Schwarzenegger signed AB 357 by Assembly member Shirley Horton, which benefits the residents of California's veterans' homes by providing a mechanism for Californians to voluntarily donate via their state tax forms.

Funds donated this way go into the "Veterans Quality of Life Fund" which in turn distributes the proceeds to the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund at the state's three currently operating veterans homes. These funds cannot be used to cover the homes' overhead, but must be used for the direct benefit of the residents.

Donating to the Veterans Quality of Life Fund is easy. Taxpayers simply need to specify the amount they wish to donate on line 60 of the their state 540 2EZ or 504A tax forms. It is that EZ!

Please remember those who sacrificed for our way of life this tax season. It is one EZ way to thank our veterans.

**Sincerely,**

**/s/**

**Tom Johnson, FACHE**  
**Secretary of Veterans Affairs**

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